

DRAFT**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) In a computer system, a method for protecting a target file located at a target location, comprising the steps of:
 - generating an archive having an archive file, wherein the archive file comprises a master copy of the target file;
 - ~~automatically updating the target file to match the archive file;~~
 - detecting changes to the target file by periodically comparing the target file to the archive file, wherein the comparison comprises comparing one of the contents, size, and date/time of the target file to the corresponding archive file; and
 - ~~replacing protecting,~~ as necessary, the target file by replacing the target file such that the target file is identical to the archive file, wherein the replacing occurs when the comparison indicates that the target file is not identical to the archive file.

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